

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on April 4, 2005 at 8:01 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 674, 3/30/05; HB 667, 3/30/05;
Executive Action: None.

00:00:03

HEARING ON HB 674

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on **HB 674,**
Ethanol production and use act.

EXHIBIT(tas71a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:40 **Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and
C-Store Association**
00:07:14 **Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association**
00:08:06 **Steve Snezak, Montana Grain Growers**
00:09:13 **Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana
Taxpayers Association**
00:09:31 **Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses**
00:09:47 **Bob Maxness, Montana Aviation and Transportation
Association**
00:10:09 **Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owners and Pilot
Association**
00:11:02 **Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development
Corporation**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:49 **Art Compton, Department of Environmental Quality**

Informational Testimony:

00:17:07 **Shawna McHugh, Department of Revenue**

00:18:16

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:50

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:55 **Stand at ease**
00:36:26 **Resumed committee**

00:36:37

HEARING ON HB 667

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 667, Purchasing pools, tax credit for health insurance.

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:58 John Morrison, State Auditor
00:52:47 Anna Whiting-Grissel
00:53:58 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses
00:56:00 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a04\)](#)

00:59:03 Don Allen, Montana Association of Insurance and
Financial Advisors
01:01:54 Jim Ahrens, MHA...An Association of Montana Health
Care Providers
01:03:02 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and
Child Health, Montana Advocates for Children
01:03:53 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
01:04:16 Mona Jamison, Assurant Health
01:05:20 Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce,
Billings Chamber of Commerce
01:05:48 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired
Persons
01:06:50 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:08:20

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:57 Christina Goe, State Insurance Board

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a06\)](#)

01:21:34

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:28 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas71aad0.PDF](#))